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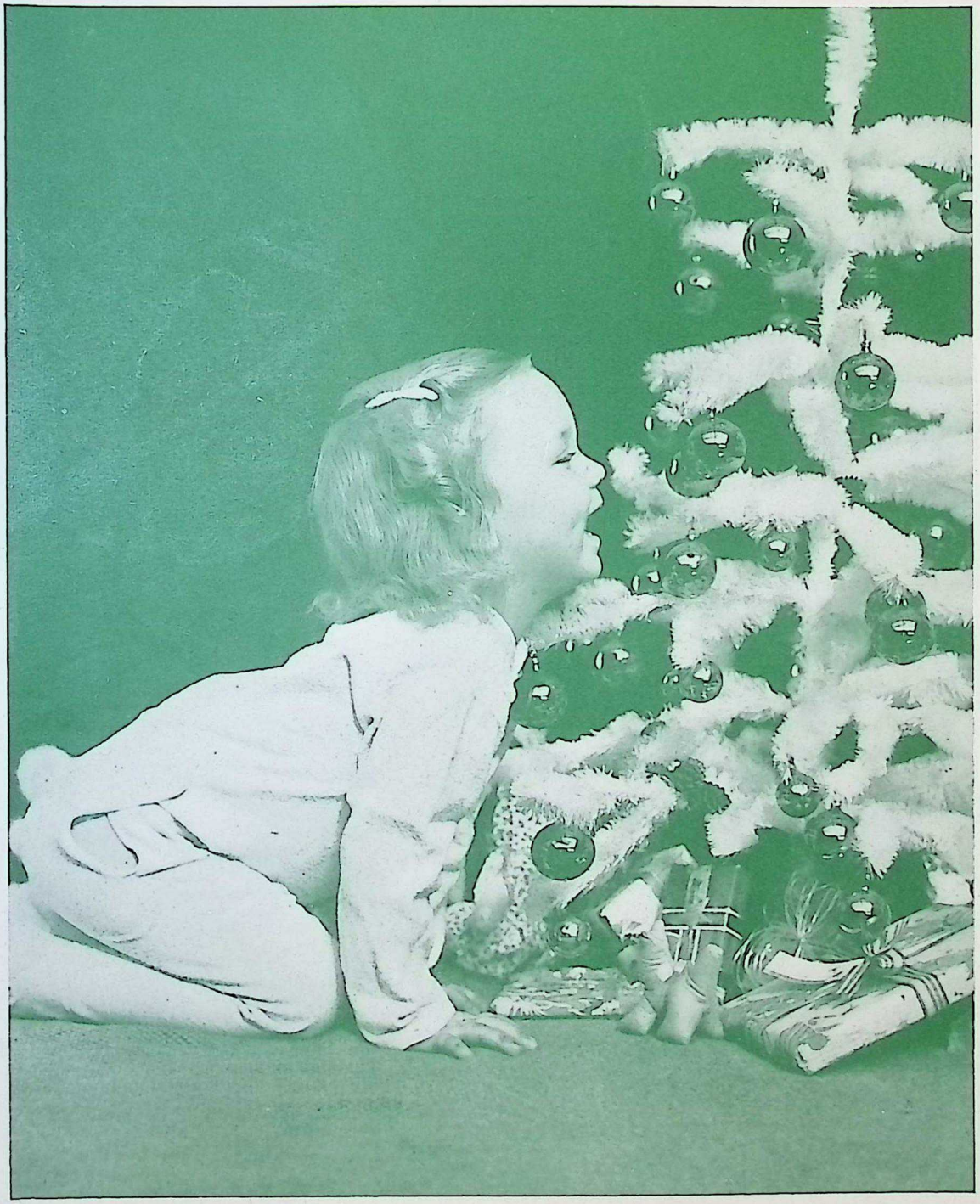

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EDITORIAL

Christmas, 1945

To the thinking person this cannot be a Merry Christmas. It should however be appreciated for what it can and may mean.

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We have the dubious privilege of living in an era that is undoubtedly the world's greatest. Greatest for what it can be for good or ill. Our entire structure, social, economic, scientific, is in a state of upheaval. So delicately are the scales balanced that it would take very little to tip them toward a better world — or plunge us into the abyss.

Our leaders are in a perilous position and it helps little to offer other than constructive criticism. They know full well, as we do, that what this world needs is more of the Golden Rule and none of the iron rule.

This Christmas season will see millions of young Americans, rosy cheeked, shiny eyed, scrubbed to within an inch of their young lives, singing with childish enthusiasm that greatest of all Christmas hymns, Adeste Fideles.

And when you hear those glorious words, "Oh come all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant", pray! Pray as you have never beseeched a beneficent Creator before that mankind will heed those words. Unless we return to the teachings of Christianity, in humility, there is little to hope for.

YD Made Headlines As Well As History

Thanksgiving Day at the Front

The Boston Sunday Globe

YD CRACKS MAGINOT LINE

Joins 35th in Saar Breakthrough
Greek Liberals Split, Seek Truce
Hungarian Regime Flees Budapest

Boston Traveler

YD 104TH INFANTRY WINS NAZI ANCHOR

Mud Keeps YD Chafing at Bit

U. S. Armor Wipes Out Saarbrucken Salient

Boston Sunday Post EXTRA

Yanks Slog On In Snow, Griping Little

YD RIPS THROUGH BARRIER TO SAAR

26th Division Highlights West Front Action With Smash Through Fortified Line—Drives Ahead Two Miles and Joins With 35th in Enveloping Threat to Saarbrucken—Nazi Salient Wiped Out

Hub YD Gunner Tank Destroyer

Counterblows Beaten Back at Dillingen—17 Nazi Divisions Destroyed in Three Weeks

YD LEADS NEW DRIVE ON REICH

Christmas Peace? YD Doesn't Agree

Y-D Proves Its Mettle

Captures 54 Towns in 30 Days; 2000 Nazi Dead; 1950 Prisoners Up Against "Tanglefoot" Tactics

Gun Spotters Lead Clay Pigeon's Life

Americans Deep In Czechoslovakia After Taking Linz

THE SUN

CHASING FOE FROM ARDENNES

McCardell Pictures Of Yankee Division

YD Of World War II—Words And Pictures

An Olde and not altogethere accurate Cartographe of the Journeye of the Yankee Division acrosse the Olde Worlde during the Conqueste of the Allemandes as reprinted from a more ancient Editione of the Grapevine.

Reprinted from YD Grapevine

Making history for the second time, the YD came ashore at Utah Beach as part of the first AEF convoy to land in France direct from the States and then marched further inland to a bivouac area near Cherbourg, 500 miles from the front.

A week later the 26th Recon Troop left the area and went to Carteret 15 kilometers away to take up the first combat mission assigned any unit in the Yankee Division during World War II against actual enemy personnel. They were to observe Germans attempting to attack across the English Channel from the Isle of Jersey.

But a few days later, Gen. Harlan N. Hartness, then Assistant Division Commander, had supper with Gen. George S. Patton at the front, and Patton asked Hartness how he sized up the 26th. "Damn good!" was the reputed reply. And so the 26th received a mission that called for more than a recon troop.

With one battle star on its ETO Ribbon for "being in strategic reserve" in the fight for Brest while on the Normandy Peninsula during a 25-day period, the Division made the 500-mile jaunt to the front "somewhere East of Nancy" and finally went on line at a point slightly west of its historic fighting ground in the Toul Sector 26 years before. It stepped in to complete the march which the armistice of 1918 had interrupted — the march across Germany. It went in to relieve the famous 4th Armored Division, the outfit that had spearheaded General Patton's Third Army in its dash across France in August.

Now opposite the YD were troops tough enough to give any untried Division a battle. The 11th Pan-

zer Division — the first Germans the YD met — the last to surrender to them seven months later.

The whole allied front from Holland to the Vosges Mountains was ready to strike. The 26th, on the right wing of General Patton's "Blitzkrieg Army", was given the job of spearheading through Lorraine into the Saar Basin and into Germany. Although Metz stood in the guts of the Third Army some miles to the north, it was on the southern sector, the 27-mile YD front from Pont a Mousson to an area south of Chateau Salins outflanking Metz, that the first mighty blow was to be struck. And the 26th, screening the right was to get off to the quickest start and the longest and fastest run to the finish line. It was a noble mission. A mission to finish wars quickly.

The mission began on the morning of November 8th, preceded by an ear-splitting artillery barrage. And after that, continuing for a period of five weeks, the Division plowed through the most incredible morass of woods, flooded fields and bog-sloped hills — all honey-combed with the outer defenses of the Maginot Line.

On November 19, a doughboy wrote in his diary: "It is sheerest irony to write as I do the history of the YD. For the YD infantry has been left behind at Moncourt, Vic-sur-Seille, Bezange, Moyenvic, Chateau Salins."

On Dec. 8 the YD answered the question the world was waiting for — could the Maginot be pierced? At 10:00 a.m., preceded by 30 minutes of artillery and air support, the men of the 26th Infantry Division launched the attack and became the first soldiers of the AEF to break through the Maginot Line. An infantry patrol entered Germany on Dec. 11th.

In the meanwhile, other elements had moved to Metz, and there accepted surrender of the last remaining fortress in a city unconquered for 1500 years. The Division moved in for a rest period, came the Bulge and it moved out again — as quick as that.

The Division went into the Bulge for what is called a "meeting engagement", something that isn't supposed to happen in modern warfare. They just moved on until the enemy was met, wherever that might have been. The YD met the enemy and pushed him from the 4th Armored's flank so that these old friends could move up to relieve Bastogne. The push went clear up to the north of Luxembourg's frozen terrain, stopped near Clervaux, and then the Division raced down to the Saarlautern area, its Bulge task completed.

This month in Luxembourg's snows was repeated to the south in Saarlautern's shambled streets until Patton called to the North again. The November drive was ready to be pushed to completion.

Jumping off on 13 March, the YD punched its way for four days down the Saar Valley through the Siegfried defenses. With the capture of Serrig, the avalanche was unloosed and within ten days, the YD had crossed the Rhine at the Oppenheim Bridgehead and culminated an 80-mile march.

Continuing through Hesse-Darmstadt, Thuringia and Northern Bavaria, the YD turned south, pushed down the Danube River Valley into the Northwest corner of Austria. Then it turned north, crossed into Czechoslovakia and ended up the war as one of the last fighting units in the ETO.

The YD's initial enemy, the 11th Panzer Division fell to it in Czechoslovakia. Its commander, Lt. Gen. Edgar Freiherr Treusch von Buttler-Bradenfeld turned to his captors and said:

"I am honored to surrender my men to a Division famous throughout all Germany."

MAJ. GENERAL WILLARD S. PAUL GUEST OF HONOR

COMMANDING GENERAL OF THE 26TH (YD) INFANTRY DIVISION GUEST OF YDVA AND YD CLUB OF BOSTON

On Armistice Day, celebrated on Nov. 12th this year, the Guest of Honor of the YD Veterans' Association and the YD Club of Boston was Maj. Gen. Willard S. Paul, commanding general of the Yankee Division during World War No. 2. General Paul was honored with a luncheon given to him and Mrs. Paul by the Crosscup Pischon Post, A.L., the Dartmouth Alumni at the Hotel Statler, Boston, at noon on Armistice Day at which members of the YDVA and YD Club of Boston attended. On this day General Eisenhower also visited Boston and was given a tremendous welcome by the people of Boston. General Eisenhower paid his respects to General Paul and spoke of the magnificent job done by the 26th (YD) Infantry Division in World War II in the European theatre.

The following YD men were at the head table of the luncheon: Lt. Col. Paul Hines, toastmaster; former Sen. Sinclair Weeks, Maj. Gen. Thomas F. Foley, former commander of the Mass. State Guard; Brig. Gen. William J. Keville, adjutant general of the Commonwealth; Dennis J. Brunton, national commander of the YDVA; Rudolph Heyfte, state commander of YDVA; Edward A. Connor, president YD

Club of Boston; John H. Smith, commander YD Post, A.L.; William P. Coffey, president of the 101st Inf. Vets. Assoc. The YD Club of Boston and the 101st Inf. Vets. Assoc. had 10 tables. The Mass. State Guard had several tables of which the majority were former YD men.

General Paul together with General Eisenhower led the Armistice Day parade in open cars along the route of march through Boston, stopping at the State House, where General Eisenhower and General Paul reviewed the parade together with Governor Tobin of Massachusetts, Sen. David I. Walsh and Congresswoman Edith Nourse Rogers. There were approximately 30,000 in this parade which paid honor to Armistice Day, General Eisenhower and General Paul. At the conclusion of the parade, General Paul was escorted to the YD Club of Boston by the YD Post, A. L., and the 26th Inf., Mass. State Guard, led by Col. Vincent C. Breen.

There he was given a tremendous welcome and open house was held to all YD men of World War I and II. General Paul spoke to the members in the Assembly Hall telling them of the magnificent job done by the YD in World War II, especially in the Battle of the Ardennes, called the 'Bulge'.

Many YD Veterans of World War II were on hand to welcome General Paul at this reception. Among them included, Lt. Col. Jack Sheehan, CO, 263rd FA; Lt. Col. Frederick Fish, CO, 101st FA; Lt. Col. Geo. Sullivan, G-I; Lt. Co. John Cotter, G-II; Capt. Marden of 328th Inf.; Lt. Col. William Callahan, CO, 1st Bn., 328th Inf.; Major Thatcher, 263rd FA, Bn.; Capt. Robert Bostwick, Adj., 101st Inf.; Captain Perry, 101st FA; Maj. Daniel O'Brien, Asst. Adj.; Lt. Col. Daniel J. Murphy, Executive Officer, 101st Inf.; M. Sgt. Bill Foley, Service Co., 101st Inf.; Pfc. Joseph Donofrio, Co. D, 328th Inf.; John D. McDonald, MP Platoon; Edw. J. Gately, Service Co., 328th Inf.; Jos. DeSimone, Service Co., 101st and 328th Inf.; S. Sgt. Ray Smith, Co. F, 328th Inf.; S. Sgt. Calvin Wilbur, Co. B, 101st Inf.; Arthur Mitz, Americal Division, formerly with 182nd Inf., YD; Val Ciotti, also of 182nd Inf.; Sgt. John Kennedy, Co. C, 104th Inf.; 1st Sgt. Bill Fraser, Hqrs. 1 Bn., 101st Inf.; Dan Roderick, Co. G, 328th Inf.; S. Sgt. Gene Lesch, Co. A, 101st Inf.; J. Malloy, Hqrs. Co., 101st Inf.; S. Sgt. Bernard Cavanaugh, Co. F, 101st Inf.; 1st Sgt. Robert Laing, Serv. Bty., 263rd FA, Bn.; Capt. Stanley Biscoe, 182nd Inf. and 181st Inf., who served overseas with 34th Inf. Div. in Italy; Edw. Gill, Service Co., 101st, and many more.

Col. Walter T. Scott, CO of 101st Inf. in World War II, was with General Paul throughout the day and spent some happy moments with his former doughboys of the regiment. Lieutenant Colonel Peale was also a guest at the club. He commanded the 3rd Bn., 101st Inf., which was awarded the Presidential citation.

General Paul had to shorten his stay at the club to attend the State Dinner to General Eisenhower at the Statler Hotel, but stopped for a few minutes at the 1091st Inf. Armory and spoke briefly to the 26th MSG Inf. Reg. officers of which are mostly former YD men.

Following the reception a dinner was given at the Harvard Club, but on account of the State Dinner that General Paul had to attend he was unable to be present and designated Colonel Scott to represent him. A very enjoyable evening was had with each of those present being asked to say a few words. Colonel Peale, Major Mausert, 101st FA and Maj. Dan O'Brien attended the dinner. National Commander Brunton and National Sgt.-at-Arms Roswell Patch were guests at the dinner.

Veterans of the YD of World War II are joining the YD Veterans' Association and the different YD clubs every day. Among the new members of the YD Club of Boston not already mentioned are Capt. Domenic Prato, CO, Co. C, 101st Inf.; Tony DiGregio, 263rd FA, Bn.; Patrick McDevitt, Co. E, 328th Inf.; Capt. John Ridge, formerly with the MP's, but served overseas with the 84th Div.; 1st Sgt. John Stedman, Hqrs. Co., 101st Inf.; Richard A. Bogle, Special Troops Tqrs.; Sgt. Henry Delaney, Co. D, 101st Inf.; 1st Sgt. Thomas Brooks, Co. D, 328th Inf.; T. Sgt. Walter Barker, Co. D, 101st Inf.; T. Sgt. Edward Drown, AT Co., 101st Inf.; S. Sgt. Warren Bell, Hqrs. 1st Bn., 101st Inf.; T. Sgt. Edw. F. O'Brien, Co. C, 328th and MP's; Peter Campbell, Med., 328th Inf.; T. Sgt. Angelo Iagulli, Co. L, 101st Inf.; John Ginewicz, Bty. C, 102nd FA Bn.; Salvatore Bova, Bty. C, 102nd FA; Geo. T. Trotman, Bty. A, 180th FA; Fred J. Kerle, Hqrs., 101st Inf.; Col. Geo. H. Lenox, formerly with 101st Eng., who went to New Caledonia with the 182nd Task Force, which was made into the Americal Division and later served with the 24th Corps in the South Pacific. Maj. Timothy C. Doherty, formerly with 101st Inf., who went to the Pacific and joined the 32nd Division and was CO of a batalion of the 127 Inf.; Capt. John Murtagh, formerly of Co. A, 101st Inf., who served overseas with another unit.

Before General Paul left Boston he presented to the YD Club of Boston for their Trophy Room, the Trophy won by the 'Grapevine' which was the weekly paper of the 26th Division for being the 'best weekly newspaper for the men in the field among all units of the European Theatre'.

Armistice Day, Nov. 12, 1945, will go down in the records of the YDVA and the YD Club of Boston as one of the greatest since it was organized.

The count of World War II members on Armistice Day are Boston (55), Springfield (40), Lynn (14), New York (6), Worcester (5), Salem (6), Cleveland (3), Danvers (2), At Large (9) and the following chapters have one each: Beverly, Lawrence, Concord, Los Angeles, Rutland, Lewiston, Bridgeport, and New Haven.

The division while in training in the South received 1500 men from Pennsylvania, 700 from New York and New Jersey and a great many from the Middle West. Pittsburgh is a good field for a YD Chapter as there are at least 100 men who served with the division from there. Several other cities in Pennsylvania have also enough men for chapters, Allentown, Scranton, Harrisburg and several others. Baltimore is another city that furnished lots of YD men. (Note att. George Harris).

Most all high point men of the division have been transferred to other divisions and have been returned to the States or are on their way back. The division is now at Camp Pittsburgh, near Reims, France, waiting to return, which will probably be some time in December.

— Maj. Daniel A. O'Brien.

More Meeting Nights and Places

Lynn Chapter meets every Tuesday night, 54 Central St., Lynn, Mass. Boston Chapter meets Third Thursday, 200 Huntington Ave., Boston. Ohio Chapter meets 1st Sunday, 7630 Broadway, Cleveland, Ohio. Chicago, irregular, call Commander Donovan, Central 2468, Chicago. Springfield, 1st and 3rd Fridays, G. A. R. Hall, Springfield, Mass.

SPRINGFIELD BUYS HOME CHAPTER PLANS AHEAD

Built by the Pynchon family, founders of Springfield in 1859, the Edward F. Kenney residence on Round Hill has been purchased by Springfield Chapter, Yankee Division Veterans' Association and we expect to take over this fine old mansion in the very near future. This is the news that members of Springfield Chapter have been waiting a long time to hear. With National Commander Brunton in charge of all remodeling of the new YD Home, assisted by the following House Committee, Comrades Gilligan, Beach, Johnson, Patch and Hackett along with all the members of the chapter, I feel sure that the YD Club of Springfield will be an attractive and comfortable

MEMBERSHIP STANDING

* Comparison 1944 - 1945

1944		1945
	DEPT. OF ME.	
34	Cumberland	17
2	Farmington	0
51	Lewiston	54
40	Waterville	41
23	At Large	33
150		145
	DEPT. OF N. H.	
7	Concord	0
2	Franklin	0
9	Keene	6
66	Manchester	61
41	Nashua	44
10	Rochester	9
25	Triangle	22
11	At Large	20
171		162
	DEPT. OF VT.	
25	Brattleboro	15
1	Burlington	0
28	Montpelier-Barre	20
43	Rutland	40
2	St. Albans	0
8	Morrisville	9
8	At Large	16
115		100
	DEPT. OF MASS.	
37	Beverly	44
550	Boston	672
57	Concord	63
9	Brockton	7
42	Danvers	46
139	Fitchburg	173
4	Foxboro	1
51	Haverhill	43
7	Holyoke	0
15	Lawrence	19
25	Lowell	26
247	Lynn	252
20	Marlboro	20
44	Milford	42
75	New Bedford	62
35	Reading	25
41	Salem	47
109	Springfield	178
180	Worcester	317
66	At Large	100
1754		2137
	DEPT. OF R. I.	
119	Apremont	139
26	Kent County	28
250	Providence	285
1	At Large	2
396		454
	DEPT. OF CONN.	
47	Bridgeport	53
115	Bristol	116
254	Hartford	239
65	Manchester	49
83	Meriden	78
25	Middletown	25
38	New Britain	74
242	New Haven	275
17	New London	18
26	Norwalk	26
36	Stamford	23
26	Torrington	29
10	Valley	5
22	Wallingford	21
15	Waterbury	36
52	Willimantic	51
30	Groton-Stonington	27
1	At Large	5
1106		1150
	DEPT. OF U. S.	
26	Chicago	26
33	Cleveland	45
11	Denver	11
23	Detroit	25
18	Los Angeles	10
153	New York	143
24	Philadelphia	17
32	Washington	28
37	Life Members	36
95	At Large	101
4142	GRAND TOTAL	4590

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home where our YD comrades of both World Wars will be able to spend many a happy moment. As soon as the home is completely remodeled and furnished, we are planning on a very elaborate dedication program.

On Friday evening, Oct. 19th, we met in joint session with the Auxiliary and our principal speaker was none other than Lt. (s.g.) Sydney S. Isaacs who

has just recently returned from active duty with the Marines in the South Pacific. Comrade Isaacs was a very active member of Springfield Chapter prior to entering the military service for the second time and we certainly are pleased to have Doc. Isaacs with us again.

Incidentally, "Doc" is a Podiatrist and Chiropodist. He recently opened his office in the Women's Shop Building, 1327 Main street, here in Springfield and will be very pleased to see any of you folks who are having trouble with your "tootsies". Why not call Doc right now for an appointment. Another high light light of this meeting was the admission to membership in the chapter of 10 new members. One of these new members, a veteran of World War II was none other than Arthur A. Barlow, Jr., the first son of a YD veteran of World War I, Arthur A. Barlow, Sr., to join the chapter and we believe that he is the first YD son to join the YDVA. Believe me, we certainly have to take our hats off to Comrade Luther Hackett, one of the first veterans of World War II to sign up. He is doing a swell job in signing up the World War II boys.

At our meeting of Nov. 2nd, we had the pleasure of accepting the applications of two of our YD Drum Corps members, who enlisted as privates in the 104th Infantry here in Springfield and both of these comrades were made first lieutenants and, believe me, they made it the hard way. Both of them have excellent records. The comrades that I refer to are Johnnie Lech and Eddie Rumanowski. I expect that you will see both of these boys doing their stuff in the YD Drum Corps at our next convention.

On Tuesday, Nov. 6th, Daniel B. Brunton was elected Mayor of the City of Springfield. Danny Brunton is the kid brother of our National Commander Dennis J. Brunton. Danny needs no introduction to the members of the Springfield Chapter as we all known of the many favors he has done for the Springfield Chapter. The Springfield Chapter joins me in wishing him the best of everything in his new achievement as Chief Executive of the City of Springfield.

Please remember that Springfield Chapter still meets at the GAR Hall on the first and third Friday of the month and make every effort possible to attend these meetings. — Roswell F. Patch.

DEBUNKING OUR DEMOBILIZATION

Politicians are working overtime to kid the public —and returning Veterans from our far-flung battle zones from one angle; whereas military authorities are kidding and salving them from still another angle. All of which leaves the man in uniform and the taxpayer, as usual, right in the middle and getting nowhere fast.

True, military authorities have made some pretense at changes, presumed to speed up and simplify demobilization — but; results have not been proportionate. Much of the so-called expansion at Separation Centers resulted in nothing more than spreading out into more space and so elaborating the set-up as to retard, rather than speed up actual demobilization. Carloads of desks moved from here to there, other activities moved out of buildings and areas, additional employees and officers procured with little or nothing to show for the accomplishment — other than possibly a much larger expenditure of funds, including expenses of new lawns, etc. (very essential to prompt demobilizations). Demobilization at some Separation Centers has been divided into so many parts or sections, the poor individual separatee wonders if he will ever find his way through the intricate and complicated maze of interviews, conferences, examinations, so-called orientations and what not that consume not only hours but days of his time and delays his eventual release that much more.

From actual experience, I'd venture a wager, a close cooperation between an individual's company clerk and the local Finance Office would effect his discharge in the matter of hours at most; but Separation Centers have so elaborated and complicated the process, they require days and even weeks to do the same identical job. One case is recalled clearly of an individual then a member of a Post Complement organization; transferred to the Separation Center for discharge only to have to fiddle and monkey around for nine (9) full days before he finally secured his precious document of release and his resulting final pay.

Not only that, but the government property he turned in at his company would be duly and promptly processed to its proper and final destination; but, Separation Centers must even do this different? Millions of dollars worth of clothing and other property is being kicked around like so much cigarette ashes; nobody being willing to accept definite responsibility for it or to prescribe for its disposition. Everyone right along the line, considers it a finished task to merely shrug his shoulders and "pass the buck", eventually leaving nobody in particular actually "holding the bag" as it were.

Innumerable publications are widely distributed to men being discharged at he Separation Centers and a tremendous amount of time wasted in attempting to explain all this varied literature to the poor misguided individual. In the meantime, dischargees are getting more and more disgusted with the whole GI shebang, resulting in any idea the individual might have had to either reenlist or secure a federal civil service job goes glimmering and soon fades into oblivion. All the while serious attempts to hire ex-GI's to work on Army posts meet with utter failure as the salaries are too small and the GI's have seen enough of red tape, the run-around and "Let George do it" policies — hence, many federal jobs go begging and a lot of work remains undone because there is nobody to do it. Were it not for many thousands of POW's at Army posts, there would be little or no work done at all; so when the POW's start back to Germany — who will do the work seems to be anybody's guess and very much of a mystery for the time being. GI's are prohibited from being utilized on a lot of this so-called "housekeeping" work; so in the absence of both POW's and civilian employees— well, the work just won't be done at all it seems. What else can anyone consider to be possible under the circumstances?

Any attempt a subordinate or employee makes to correct the existing situations and consequently protect the government's interests or safeguard property, meets with prompt rejection and the usual run-around; the "ball" being kicked back and forth as usual — from now — on.

The prevailing spirit seems to be to sort of let nature take its course, and come what may — make no changes or decisions that might even hint at rectifying any existing evils and lack of accomplishment

In short, war-time officers just can't seem to be bothered much about any such thing as peace time activities — even if they do concern millions of dollars worth of government property. They hardly know when they will be getting their walking papers back into civil life themselves, so why should they worry about anything of that nature?

In 1919 if my memory serves me right, an Army was demobilized without all the present day humbug or eyewash. Men, as complete regiments in fact, were deloused, examined, paid and discharged in about one-tenth of the time required by the present set-up in Separation Centers. True they went home in the sam clothes they slept in on the boat coming back from Europe and did not look like fashion plates (another idea to kid the public). None of them wanted to look so spiffy nor did their folks care much whether they did or not. Sincerely, I doubt if the present day soldier cares so much or do his folks either. Once he gets home, his uniform is replaced by civilian clothes and stays replaced, and you'd be surprised at the number who mail or express their GI clothes (including Good Conduct medals) back to the nearest post after they get home — they are so glad to get out of anything OD or GI.

Discharge chevrons were issued in 1919 when a man was discharged and he had it sewed on himself — when he pleased — where he pleased and at his own expense too. Somehow, they survived the ordeal and many are still alive today. Prompt release was the prevailing policy in 1919 and it was lived up to; can you say as much for the present set-up?

I am seeing these conditions daily, with little hope of early correction if ever and can't help but wonder at what the answer might be. I can't seem to get any logical answer from anyone in authority that makes the slightest bit of sense — so what would you call the answer? I have one of my own, yes — but, who wants to bother and listen? — New YD.

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WE CAN'T LIVE ALONE, R. I. SOLDIER WARNS IN PLEA AT DINNER

Barker Is Charter Member in Providence

An unqualified indorsement of universal military training for America's young men as the means of keeping the nation prepared to cope with any attempted revival of Japanese or German military power was given last night by Brig. Gen. Harold R. Barker.

The soldier who returned yesterday from three years of campaigning in the Pacific theater to receive the acclaim of State and city told 400 persons at a dinner given in his honor at the Biltmore Hotel, Providence, R. I., that there is no alternative to preparedness through maintenance of a citizen army.

"We can't live alone in this country of ours," he said. "We have got to watch Japan so that in the next 20 years we don't have to go through it again, and we have got to watch Germany.

"So for the sake of your children and mine, let's get behind this universal training and see that it goes through."

Almost apologetic at introducing such a serious note at the dinner given in his honor the General turned suddenly and sharply from the easy raconteur strain of his speech, in which he had taken his listeners through the Pacific campaigns of the 43rd Division."

Says Japs Will Come Back

"There's a stampede on to come home now," he said. "Everybody wants to come home. But after all we can't afford to lose what we bought with sweat and blood just because we want to come home. Somebody has got to sweat it out in Japan.

"The (the Japanese) consider this a hundred years' war. And they are going to come back and there is no question," said the man who earlier had testified his respect to Japanese courage and Japanese discipline, "but that they have got the manpower. And unless we leave some one on hand to watch them for the next 10 to 50 years, your sons are going to have to go through this again as they did in World War II and World War I."

NATIONAL COMMANDER'S REPORT

I wish to extend my sincere thanks to my Y.D.V.A. members for their very fine work in increasing our membership. With your continued efforts we will be able to attain an all time high total. Please "Carry on" and continue the good work.

On Sunday, October 21, I attended a dinner at the Hotel Kimball, Springfield, in honor of National Commander Greenberg of the Jewish War Veterans. There was a fine attendance and a very inspiring address was given by Commander Greenberg.

Saturday, October 27, as guests of the New Haven Chapter, we attended the presentation of the Len Maloney trophy to the Chapter by Past National Commander Appleby. Fred Hirsch did an excellent job as Master of Ceremonies and deserves a lot of credit for the large attendance at the very fine dinner and entertainment.

On Saturday, November 10, we were guests of the Springfield Chapter at their annual Armistice dinner and dance. This was the largest Armistice party we have had to date and the excellent committee under the chairmanship of Comrade Hackett are to be congratulated for a grand affair.

Sunday morning, November 11, I attended the exercises of the 104th A.E.F. Veterans Association held at Apremont Highway, Westfield, Mass. At three o'clock the same afternoon we attended the Connecticut State Department meeting held at Bristol, which was well attended in spite of poor weather. It was gratifying to hear the splendid chapter reports. An excellent turkey dinner was served by the Bristol Chapter with the help of their charming wives.

Monday, November 12, was a very busy day. As guest of National Treasurer Lee Redfield, we attended the annual meeting of the II-II-II club at the Hotel Lenox, a very fine organization that meets once a year and conducts ceremonies that are most interesting and unique. At 12.30 as guest of the Cross-Pishon Post, A. L., I attended the dinner and reception in honor of General Paul, Commander of YD World War II. It was most pleasing to hear the very fine compliments paid the YD Veterans of this war, and if you were there to hear General Paul, you would feel proud to say that you are a member of the Y.D.V.A., and by the way, Gen. Paul is a member of theWorcester Chapter.

After the parade in the afternoon, Gen. Paul visited Y. D. V. A. Headquarters at 200 Huntington Ave. where he remained for an hour greeting the YD Comrades. The Boston Chapter went all out to make the

reception to Gen. Paul outstanding and I wish to extend my sincere thanks for a job well done. At 9 o'clock the same evening the Boston YD Club gave a dinner at the Harvard Club in honor of Gen. Paul and your National Commander and his aide Roswell Patch were guests. It was again pleasing to hear Col. Scott laud the YD Veterans. I wish to extend thanks to Commander Edward A. Connor for a wonderful evening.

On Saturday evening, November 17, I acted as chairman for a turkey party given by the Springfield Chapter.

In closing this report I wish to extend to every YD Veterans Association member my sincere wishes for a very Merry Christmas.

Respectfully submitted,

— Dennis J. Brunton.
National Commander.

A P O

Frederick L. Fish, 232 Hawthorne street, Malden, Mass., has written some very interesting material, mimeographed, on the 101st FA Battalion. It contains a sheet of general information, a list of towns occupied during combat, an outline history of the YD in World War II, and a little extract concerning the Battle of the Bulge. Copies are available. Write him now.

INFORMATION PLEASE

I would like to hear from Lt. Leonard of I Co., 102nd Inf.; Lt. Howard of I Co., 102nd Inf.; Clyde Dunn and Pvt. Marvin of Chicago, both of the above outfit. Please get in touch with Earl Girard, sergeant in I Co., 102nd Inf., YD, now living at 5066 Main street, Bridgeport, Conn. I would also like to hear from Andrew Arrigoni of the same outfit.

DEPARTMENT AND CHAPTER NEWS

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DEPARTMENT OF MAINE

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CUMBERLAND
Cumberland County Chapter
Commander: Mishel Kahill
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Secretary: Everett F. Burnell
R. F. D. 6, Portland, Me.

The regular meeting of the YDVA was held in the Columbia Hotel on Nov. 1, 1945 with 10 members present. We had a very nice meeting. Capt. William H. Lynch, our oldest member, was with us. He is 85 years old. The Cumberland County Chapter, YDVA challenges any other chapter of the YDVA to beat that for a record—also what chapter has the youngest member.

Oliver Dudly is driving a taxi in Portland; William Love is foreman of the mechanics at the Packard Garage; Everett Burnell is at Fort Williams as a electrician.

What no Minnie La Tour lately. What's the trouble.

— Everett F. Brunell.

DEPARTMENT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Dep't. Commander: Michael E. S. McDermott, 50 Main St., Hanover, N. H.
Secretary: George Simoneau, Curtiss Inn., Manchester St., Manchester, N.H.

STATE MEETING

The first State Dept. meeting of N. H. was held in Nashua, Nov. 18, 2 p. m. at G. A. R. Hall with Nashua Chapter as the host. Had a very good meeting for the first held in the state this year. Was sorry that some of the Chapters were not represented, but hope that Keene, Concord, Rochester and Franklin YD comrades will be at the next meeting in Manchester some time in January.

At the meeting in Nashua, the Nashua Auxiliary put on a swell dinner for the boys. I want to thank the Auxiliary and also Post Comm. Bill McNulty for his help on the dinner. Come on New Hampshire YD comrades sign up and get back on the mailing list of the Association. Pay your dues and keep up the old YD spirit.

Triangle Chapter is putting on a Minstrel Show on Dec. 4 at the White River Hospital. Hoping we give the YD boys when they land in Boston a grand reception.

— Michael E. S. McDermott,
Comm. YDVA of New Hampshire.

DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS

Dep't. Commander: Rudolph T. Heftye, 83 Conomo Ave., Lynn, Mass.
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BEVERLY

Commander: Harold Heald
9 Clark Ave., Beverly, Mass.

Secretary: George A. Bright
4 Whittier St., Beverly, Mass.

Another month is passed and things look brighter for our chapter as the time rolls on. We had the pleasure of initiating Richard Johnson, a member of the present YD into our old YD at a recent meeting. We have quite a few of the new boys on the line and hope to get them signed up before long.

We are to have our November meeting at Mrs. Pike's in Middleton on the 28th and look forward to having quite a gathering of both old and new YDers. Our commander who is always on the alert, trying to find some kind of entertainment for us, has promised to bring his movie camera along with him and show some pictures of F Battery of the old 101st FA, taken at their 26th annual reunion on Oct. 26th at the U.S.M. Co. clubhouse and as usual had quite a large turnout. I wonder if any other battery has been meeting once a year since 'Fini La Guerre'? Hats off to Bob Hubbard who came all the way from New York to attend the reunion and sing his favorite song, "I Canna Leave the Old Folks Noo."

Had a letter from Tom Carey former F Battery man who is now a lieutenant on the Hartford, Conn. police force. Tom had the misfortune to lose his only son in World War II. He served in the Navy. Our sympathy is extended to you Tom and to your wife.

It seems good to see some of the old timers who are showing a little more interest in the chapter lately. We have a lively entertainment committee consisting of Earle Grant, Gus Cressey, Roland Standley, Malcolm Fraser and Sam Lee, who are really going to town.

We are going to have our December meeting at Mrs. Pike's also, at which time we are going to have real action pictures taken by a GI who has returned home.

All you fellows who have not come across better get it up, so that you can get in on our good time.

— Joe Bright.

BOSTON

Commander: Edward A. Connor
150 St. Botolph St., Boston, Mass.

Secretary: H. Guy Watts
200 Huntington Ave., Boston, Mass.

The last regular Monthly Smoker was held on Thursday, Nov. 15th with Harry Tomlin of New Haven, Conn., Master Magician, who gave a very interesting entertainment for an hour. Here is a tip to other chapters. When you need a good entertainer get in touch with Harry. We also had a half hour of movies to round out the evening.

It was good to see our new members of World War II at the Smoker. Captain Murtagh, 101st Inf., World War II, had a company reunion with a half dozen of the boys of the company.

Lt. Col. 'Ted' Noyes visited the club recently. Ted just returned from the European area after being overseas for 41 months. He has not changed, just the same old Ted of C Co., 104th of 1918-19. Just a little more rank than he had then. Lt. Col. Ed Connors (B Co., 101st), stopped in to say hello during the reception to General Paul. Lt. Col. Walter Mungovan attended the 101st Executive meeting at the club on Sunday.

Renovation has started at the club. We have had the front of the building cleaned and expect to have our Assembly Hall and the rest of building renovated in the near future.

CONCORD

"Minute-Man Chapter"

Commander: Bernard F. Snee
47 Woburn St., Lexington

Secretary: Charles E. Carton
22 Webber Ave., Bedford

November 13, 1945, 8.45 P. M. at Tony Iasi, YD Dugout. Eighteen members present coming in from Bedford 5, West Concord 4, Lexington 6, Waltham 2 and Stoughton 1.

This was first meeting with the new officers, Bernie Snee in the chair, prayer was by Chaplain Daigle and all committee reports were read and accepted. Treasurer reported 58 paid-up members. Mystery package was drawn and Treas. O'Grady, Mr. Phillips and Mr. Chase of the Vets Hosp. were winners.

Plans are being made for another Mystery Package and a Barn Dance in the near future.

Congratulations to Dick Dee on his promotion to new job in the western part of the state.

Ned Maguire, Lexington's large gendarme was given a rising vote of thanks for his YD Insignia. Ned put in a lot of time making a three-foot Bronze Button, center is white triangle with gold trimmings and blue YD in it, border has "Yankee Division Veterans Association" in white letters. This job was all hand work as Ned has no machinery. Thanks again, Ned.

Meeting adjourned at 9.20 P. M. Wish more of the boys would get around and tell us your troubles, or why we are not having more attendance at Meetings.

For old Co. I, 6th Reg. and B Co. MPs., Chet Elms has been in Fort Devens for some time, was at MP reunion in Marlboro, Saturday, Nov. 10th. Chet is a full Colonel now, was captured by the Japs on Corregidor. Chet is going to Miles Standish Camp and then to Florida right away.

Next meeting Dec. 11. Come eleven, baby needs new shoes and we need more members to attend meetings. LET'S GO!

Don't forget to pay for your Xmas cards.

—Sully, Bedford Gendarme.

DANVERS

Commander: George J. Ferguson
15 Charles St., Danvers, Mass.

Secretary: Charles W. Davis
21 Holton St., Danvers, Mass.

Danvers Chapter is going along fine. We now have 45 regular and one honorable member paid up which is two more than last year. Our first new member from the present YD was Maj. Ray Wilkinson who served with the 102nd F.A. He has attended two of our meetings and he tells me he wouldn't miss a meeting for anything. I guess he gets a kick out of the old gang at that. We also took in Frank Pead who served with F Co., 182nd Inf. Frank has not attended any of our meetings but we expect he will be with us when we have our next meeting at Mrs. Pike's Inn, Wednesday, Dec. 5.

Not many of the new YD are home yet but we expect to have quite a number join up with us. Master Sgt. Wes Grover, old 101st, F.A., in World War I and now a has been of this war is on the committee of one to round up the new boys. Our meetings are still very well attended—never less than 30 at a meeting and everyone having a good time.

We were glad to see Benny Kimball back with us and he had his son with him. Come again Benny and bring the boy. He is always welcome.

A Happy Xmas to all the boys of the YD wherever they may be from the boys from the Danvers Chapter and to our National Commander Denny the best of everything and Danvers Chapter will try and get more members for you during the coming year.

— C. W. Davis.

FITCHBURG

Commander: Bernard Brown
Townsend, Mass.

Secretary: Russell F. Aldrich
59 Fairview St., Fitchburg, Mass.

The November meeting of Fitchburg Chapter was held Tuesday, Nov. 13 at its usual meeting place with Commander Brown presiding. Forty members were present. After the usual opening business was disposed of the chapter listened to a report of the committee on a New Year's Eve party which the chapter voted to have for members and families. The committee consists of Chairman Arthur Shea and Comrades Bill King, Dick Stapely, Max Whitestone and Russ. Aldrich. Commander Brown is a member of committee ex-officio.

The chapter nominated the following comrades for the officers of the chapter for 1946: Commander, Wm. King; S. V. Commander, Dick Stapely; J. V. Commander, Russ. Aldrich; Secretary, James Meffen; Treasurer, Bob O'Brien; Chaplain, Dan Moran; Trustees, Thomas Tiernan, John Maston, Wilfred Lamothe, Thomas Harrigan and Joseph Guy.

Fitchburg Chapter has a paid up membership of 173 as of this date. Following the drawing for door prize which was won by Bob O'Brien refreshments were served by our Chef, "Red" Bryce. Got that Victory Loan Bond yet?

— Russ. Aldrich.

HAVERHILL

Commander: Wallace A. Burnham
15 Grove St., Haverhill, Mass.

Secretary: Clyde H. Norton
27 Kingsbury Ave., Bradford, Mass.

Here we go again. The chapter ran one of their Chowder Parties on October 23rd. On Armistice Day the chapter was represented by the Commander, colors and color guard in the parade. On Nov. 13th the chapter had its annual Turkey raffle.

The Auxiliary had their Cedar Chest drawing, their annual Mothers' Tea and last but not least went to the Chelsea Naval Hospital and gave a party for the boys.

As the chapter year is drawing to a close, next meeting, election and nomination of officers, I wish to make a few observations. "DOINGS" may reach some members who never attend meetings. It is too bad that while a certain few who are probably as busy and live at as great distance as others, manager to attend all meetings and do all the work, others never darken the doors of the dug-out. The majority in all organizations stay away litle realizing that they simply weaken the organization.

This is not intended as a slap at the Haverhill Chapter, as they do better than most organizations, veteran and others. Just a 'prod' to members to see if they will not please WAKE up.

LYNN

Commander: Christian Schacht
8 Puritan Rd., Saugus, Mass.
Secretary: Edmund Trudell
67 Howard St., Lynn, Mass.

Our 27th Annual Banquet was the best since 1941. Commander Schacht should be proud. Tom Curran was chairman and toastmaster and did a great job assisted by Eustis Grimes, Charles Scanlon, S.V.C. Bill Eddows, J.V.C. Robert Quinn, Secretary Ed Trudell, Treasurer Ray Doucette, Rudolph Heftye, Leslie Pugh, Robert Newman, Walter Smith and others.

Herb Cooper's orchestra did a grand job. Entertainment was great and dancing was enjoyed till a late hour. About 200 attended and John Hederson, treasurer of the city of Chelsea, was the speaker and did a wonderful job.

Seated at head table were the toastmaster, his wife and mother, Commander Chris Schacht, S.V.C. Bill Eddows, J.V.C. Robert Quinn, Treasurer Ray Doucette, Secretary Ed Trudell, Chaplain Walter Smith and their wives, also Madelyn Cowan, president of YD Auxilary; Rudolph Heftye, State Commander and wife and Post 291 and Post 6, American Legion Commanders John Assies and Raymond Griffin and their wives.

The memorial service was very impressive under direction of Chaplain Smith assisted by Commander Schacht, S.C. Rudolph Heftye and Margaret Scott.

World War II veterans, members of chapter attending were Lt. Col. Thurlow Dunning, Maj. Newton Courtney, Capt. Harold Crowell, Maj. Leon Denis, Sgt. Leon Varnam, C.G.M. Walter Clinton.

The Big Parade, Nov. 12th, was called off due to rain but our Auxiliary put on a swell collation just the same. At the banquet our live wire auxiliary presented the chapter with 12 new pool cues and an ivory cue ball and did we need them.

On Nov. 20th we held our annual Turkey Sale and Raffle under direction of S.V.C. Bill Eddows and a big crowd attended and it was a social and financial success. On Nov. 27th we held our regular monthly smoker. On Dec. 18th our annual Xmas smoker and on Dec. 21st we make our annual pilgrimage to Chelsea Soldiers' Home Hospital for our Xmas Party when we will put on a show and give every YD man at the hospital a box full of goodies. The committee in charge is Chairman Ray Doucette, assisted by Eustis Grimes, Charles Scanlon, William Perry, Percy Paige, Walter Smith, Leonard Burnham, Leslie Pugh, George Walton, Richard Skinner, Charles Balcom and Harold Guppy. — The Duke.

NEW BEDFORD

Commander: Armand J. Duclos
483 Kempton St., New Bedford, Mass.
Secretary: Ernest G. Parker
15 Priscilla St., New Bedford, Mass.

Our smoke talk and get-together was held in Carpenter Hall, Nov. 13 at 8 p. m.

Due to the fact that it was the city election for Mayor the attendance was not too great.

Lieutenant Barter, the son of our Past Commander Barter, was awarded the air medal and Bill's other boy is ready to be discharged any day now.

Our sympathy goes out to Comrade Walter Burns' son who was recently discharged and was stricken with acute appendicitis, but is coming along fairly well now.

Louis Marcoux's boy has just been made an instructor in Radar over in Germany.

There were a few comrades at the last meeting who had not been here in some time.

After the meeting coffee and hot dogs were served by our old stand-by, Walter Burns.

The Drum Corps under the direction of Looie Marcoux is going strong. They won first prize at the Fall River Victory Parade. — Nix.

WORCESTER

Commander: Mathew Leary
8 Bedford Ave., Worcester 4, Mass.
Secretary: Clyde O. Elliott
P. O. Box 224, Worcester, Mass.

The activities of this organization are beginning to be more and more each day; at the present time

there is something doing each night such as socials, cribbage tournaments, contract bridge parties, sodality nights and others too numerous to mention. We also have parties that use the big hall in the rear of the building. The whole membership is acting as a committee of one on membership; at the present time we have about 320 enrolled into the chapter—so bigger plans will be made for future meetings.

Since our last report we have had a 'Turkey Social', and boy what a turnout. As usual the party was bigger and better than before, thanks to the untiring effort on the part of several of our members. Brockert's Recreation Hall was the scene of our party so anybody that has been there knows what a time can be had. But for the benefit of any that have not been there you don't know what you missed. Turkeys, eats, drinks, games, anything that anybody wanted to do was there and at the close of the evening we even had singing led by the boys in the corner of the room.

James Northridge, Joe Sauriol, Roy Maloney and Jack Burgess (who let a few get by him) entertained the boys in the opposite corner who were willing to play with lady luck. Jud Fish seemed to like number 6 quite well. (I'm not telling Jud but how much was it? ? ?) Bert Kane, George Gaumond, Jack Brosnihan, Gene Gilliam, Earl Saunders, are only a few that I saw milling through the crowd selling chances on the several articles that we had for sale. Freddie Jones was around most of the evening to see that everybody stayed in line. James L. Kierstead (lucky James we call him) won the attendance prize, a big 18-pound turkey—in fact ten other birds of about the same weight were given away by the chapter during the night, along with bottled goods of different brands. All in all the chapter did very well, for the party was a high success.

The boys of the Battery had their annual Armistice Day Banquet here at the club this year using the large hall for their party. About 50 of the old boys showed up along with a man that had just arrived home for a short furlough, Lt. Col. Edward J. Gully. The Colonel related his experiences in this global war, he having served in both the Pacific and the European theaters of operation. After telling how his positions had been set up at a secret base in the Pacific, he then went to Europe and served with Col. Paul G. Kirk (another YD man) as public service officer with the 6th Army Corp.

George W. (Jigger) Jones, formerly Captain of E Battery, was the next speaker and he told a few stories about the different officers (of the last war) and their horsemanship much to the amusement of the congregation. He also stated his reasons for compulsory military training, by combining athletics with military training and getting a better trained man. Ed Racicot (our chef from down on the border) spoke a few words on the possibility of having the airport named "Battery Field" as it was originally intended. Called on John J. McCarthy (who has seen the boys grow up from childhood so as to speak), but all he said was thanks, glad to be with the boys. Bob Vail and Sigurd Freudenthal both glad to see so many of the boys present. Jack Sullivan (who was chairman of the dinner) gave a few of his stories that he told while in the service in dialect (Polish). Several of the comrades came to this party from Webster also from Framingham, Oakdale and Sterling.

The boys of the 104th gathered the other night and started the formation of a last man's club—at the present time P. C. Gilliam is the commander of this group and Raymond L. Divoll, 33 Navasota avenue, is the secretary. There will be more heard from this group before many moons have passed.

Our Armistice Day activities were mostly confined to Boston where on that day they had a State Dinner at the Statler Hotel for Maj. Gen. Willard S. Paul (a member of this chapter) and then to the National Headquarters for another celebration. The chapter had a table at the dinner and the following represented the chapter: Clifford Mellen, Henry Contois, Roy Maloney, Joe Fontaine, Sam Brown, Joe Sauriol, Henry Anderson, James Kierstead, Bert Kane, Carl A. Johnson, Jr., and Joe McGee. From all reports this affair was another success from a YD standpoint.

— COE.

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PAWTUCKET
"Apremont Chapter"
Commander: Albert Plant
846 Main St., Pawtucket, R. I.
Secretary: John R. Moran
394 Daggett Ave., Pawtucket, R. I.

When General Barker arrived in Rhode Island there was one thing he did more for the old YD than all the work of a hundred committees. He shamed some of the boys into remembering that the old organization is still alive. Notice the following who turned out to the meeting of Apremont Chapter on the 15th of November—Herbert Grylls, Joe Vigard, Joe Marcoux, Ed Godin, Bill Dooley and Stanley Ainsworth. We were glad to see the General and hope to meet him personally and thanks also to the above members for turning out.

Ed Godin is now commander of District 5, V.F.W. of Rhode Island. Good luck to you Ed.

Stan Ainsworth owns and manages the Hamblett Bowling Alleys, so if any of you members need a little relaxation drop in and bowl a few strings.

Lt. Col. Clarence Walsh was recipient of the Legion of Merit Award in Germany recently and by the looks of his photo, his chest is large enough to hold all his medals, or is that the effects of the good beer he is getting.

Our next meeting will be held Dec. 20th at which time Ralph Dexter, Jr. Vice, will select his committee for 1946 membership. Our total membership is 139. Walter Jenks, chairman, will also select his aides for the annual banquet.

Your Commander with Frank Keough, John Moran and Cliff Arnold served coffee and doughnuts to Service Men at the Y.M.C.A., Sunday morning, Nov. 18th. Another good deed well done.

— Albert Plant.

PROVIDENCE
Commander: Francis Dunn
52 Appleton St., Providence 9, R. I.
Secretary: William M. McAllister
71 Calaman Rd., Cranston 10, R. I.

Our first member from the new Y Dis 1st Lieut. Ernest E. J. Gendreau. He served with the 101st Engineer Combat Bn. and was severely wounded. At present he is a patient in Cushing General Hospital, Framingham, Mass. Good luck to you, lieutenant, may your stay be a short one.

Here's a barrage of news from ex-Sgt. Maj. Jack Creamer's dugout, located on W. 65th St., New York. Col. Ken Bitting, former sergeant in Hq. Co., 103rd F.A., has been discharged from the service. During his tour of duty he served as Personnel Director on the staff of General Spaatz. For service rendered, Ken, has been awarded many Commendations and Citations.

At a recent meeting of the 103rd F.A. held at the home of Don Miller, Henry Sampson, formerly of the Jam Battery gave an interesting talk on his experience in Europe while serving on the staff of the UNNRA which is headed by Herbert Lehman, former Governor of New York. May I also add T. Howard Kelly, former author, and now a 250-pound mass of humanity from Chicago added pep to the affair with lively stories. It is also reported that Tim Gibson, former Top Kick of Baty. A, is doing a bangup job as Commander of the A.L. in Larchmont. According to Creamer, the village blacksmith, of New York, host Don Miller, served Martini cocktails and Jam sandwiches in remembrance of the good old days of '17, '18.

The wonderful reception given to Gen. H. A. Barker is now history. It was a deserving tribute to a fine soldier. In commenting on the dinner held at the Biltmore Hotel I'd say the boys of the 103rd F.A. made merry and added life to a swell party. Seated directly in front of the General were four tables of officers and men from his old outfit. That famous "Mess-Kit Quartet", comprised of "Bill" Andrews, George Pretat, Ben Nevins and "Hunk" Salter in their rendition of old time songs brought back memories to the General of the days when he soldiered on the Mexican Border and France.

The committee of YDers were: William Soban, Capt. Gerald Hanley, Col. Chaffee, Maj. N. D. MacLeod, Hon. Harold Tucker, Maj. C. G. MacLeod, Lt. Everett S. Hartwell, Lt. Duncan Langdon, Col. Earl Chandler, Comdr. Herbert Mowry, Maj. Donald Babcock and Comdr. John Kelly. B Bty. was represented by Tom Redfern, C by John J. Welch and YDVA by Willie Mack.

The 103rd M.G. reports plenty of activity over the Armistice week-end. A group of A Co., journeyed to Bellow Falls for their annual celebration. C Co., participated in the Armistice Day parade. Many from the YDVA attended Apremont's open house and went to the Military Ball which was held in the Pawtucket Armory. Leo Bottari in reporting for the 104th Am-

bulance Co., gave us a hint that a night at YDVA headquarters is in the making.

The gang in Colonel Cargill's dugout up there in New Haven have forced me to dig down in my records. Listen, Clark, will you kindly lay off me. At this writing I am going to bombard your dugout with H.E. shells in sending forth news that we have in Providence Chapter over 60 members from one outfit. The "Jam Battery" better known to the boys from Connecticut as C of the 103rd F.A., is a real outfit true to the tradition of YD spirit. According to S.V.C. Whitman "Atomic Bomb" Vickery signed up 40 members from his old outfit. That in itself is something to brag about and a credit to our present J.V.C. Yes sir, Gene, when you train your machine guns on this old YDVA you'll always find the artillery ready to throw a barrage. Let's hope in retaliation some other outfit showers us with shrapnel in beating our record.

With Lieutenant Gendreau, Al. Smith, Jr., and Harry Clark in line we now have a membership of 285. That's the highest in the history of Providence Chapter. We are going to shoot for 300 next year. In doing so Joe Laffey has his work cut out for him. If he succeeds we'll hand him the fur-lined mess kit. As chairman of the membership committee he has plenty of work to look forward to.

The next big venture on our program is our Annual Christmas Party Dance which will be held at the Narragansett Hotel on Friday, the 21st of December. Comrades Thayer and Crescenzo are planning a bang-up evening for all attending. Music will be by Tommy Masso's Orchestra. During intermission the best floor show available will be put on for your pleasure. Servicemen from all camps in Rhode Island have been invited to attend.

In past months our able editor, "Hap" Jules, has machine-gunned us full of holes. Murray and Mack as mere secretaries represent 285 members of Providence Chapter. As loyal YD workers we are doing our best to give our members a just deal. With a sympathetic understanding of our Editor's troubles we extend to him and all YD men our sincere wish for a Very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year with a hope and prayer that our glorious victory of 1945 brings forth in the year 1946 a just and everlasting Peace. — Murray and Mack.

DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT

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STATE MEETING

Connecticut Dept., Y.D.V.A., met Sunday, Nov. 11, 1945, at American Legion Hall, Bristol, Y.D.V.A. Chapter being host.

Opened with prayer by Chaplain Dike. Commander Fray requests Sgt.-at-Arms Carlos to usher to their station the following distinguished guests — Our Nat. Commander Denny Brunton and his Sgt.-at-Arms Roswell Patch both of Springfield Chapter, Nat. Treasurer Lee Redfield of Boston, Chapter; P.N.C. Miller and Bourn of Hartford Chapter; His Honor Mayor Davis of Bristol.

Past Dept. Commanders present were Wm. (Cop) Thompson of Bristol Chapter; Clarence (Cap) Geer of Bridgeport Chapter; Clyde (Ses) Beckwith of Manchester Chapter; Fred (Jack-pot) Hirsch of New Haven Chapter.

Report of Chaplain and Chapters on illness. Sixteen YDers in Newington, cards here to-day for all to sign for the boys.

Report of Sr. Vice Roys — YANKEE DOINGS not up to date with final count, as chapters report at meetings, membership well over the 1200 mark, hitting for at least 2,000 — can be done.

Commander of Meriden Chapter reports that protest by Department should be made against bill dropping of the Old Age Assistance bill for veterans. Much discussion on same by members present. Commander Kolinsky of Middletown Chapter says that department is lax in not following up many reports and doings presented. Sr. Vice Roys makes motion as following — That the Department go on record to protest same and that our Legislative Committee headed by P.N.C. Bourn draw up a resolution to be presented Motion seconded and carried by rising vote. Added to above motion by Treas. Marcus that same resolution be sent to the Departments of the Amer. Legion, V.F.W. and D.A.V. and others. So voted.

Nat. Treasurer Redfield reminded us the YD is on the gain. In membership-to-date the Organization stands at an all high with 4400, comparing the count of last fiscal year, it's an increase of 315 — and already there are 104 of the new YD in our various chapters.

Nat. Commander Brunton calls attention to P.D.C. Hirsch that in following the YD markers he spoke of in his last Dept. minutes, he landed in the YD camp at Plainville, but was given the proper road and landed here O.K.

Our sincere thanks to the Ladies' Auxiliary of Bristol and to our Comrades of Bristol for the very fine meeting place, for the fine cooperation to Conn. YD, for the delicious turkey dinner and all the fixings that were served to over 100 who attended and they had enough left over for 100 more. So Comrades please jot down these two next dates of your Department Meetings, remember we need the Dept. of Conn. Y.D.V.A. and the Dept. needs you at their meetings to carry on. The Chapters that take these State Meetings are doing all in their power to promote bigger and better things in Conn. for Y.D.V.A., you and your wife should not fail to attend. The ladies are always welcome.

Host to the Conn. Y.D.V.A. Department, Sunday, Dec. 9th, 1945 is Torrington Chapter. Meeting to be held at the American Legion Hall. Time 3.00 p. m. sharp. Eats, Refreshments and Good-Fellowship.

Host to Department in January — Middletown Chapter, Meeting to be held at City Hall. Come One Come All — Yours for a Bigger and Better YD.

— John P. Fray, Department Commander.

BRIDGEPORT

Commander: Samuel Marcus
382 Iranistan Ave., Bridgeport, Conn.
Secretary: Samuel B. Zolo
1928 Seaview Ave., Bridgeport, Conn.

Our Armistice Day was very nicely celebrated by a Supper of the finest in some time. It was held at the Farrway with 65 in attendance. A fine time was had by all. One that was present is a prospective member, a YD of this war. He was guest of Mr. and Mrs. Domenico Rizzoni, with him was his girl friend from N. Y. All had a good time.

The next day a great many went to Bristol to be at the State Committee Meeting, where again those who attended had a fine time.

At our regular meeting we are getting ready for our regular Christmas Party, which this year will be something, as we have something to celebrate, Peace on Earth and Good Will to All, with many of the boys and girls back with their families.

It was reported that some of our comrades are not well and we hope that they will all be with us when we get together. — Samuel B. Zolo.

BRISTOL

Commander: Loren White
50 Walnut St., Bristol, Conn.
Secretary: Will N. Salladin, Jr.
153 Goodwin St., Bristol, Conn.

I just woke up to the fact that I haven't written any news for the next issue of DOINGS. I have not received my November copy although one buddy told me Saturday that he had just received his.

Mont Sec was host to the State Department this month and I guess we all had a good time and a good meeting. Lee Redfield was down to see us as well as our National Commander and his Sgt.-at-Arms. Benson and Woods from New London dropped in. I haven't seen them at a meeting in a long time. Our genial Mayor Dan Davis found time to come up and say hello. It was a bad day and we didn't get the crowd we expected although we had turkey enough to feed twice as many.

Ralph Fox is still laid up at home and will be for quite some time.

Duff Lamson has bought one of Lee Redfield's shore lots at Clinton and is going to build on it. It's a swell place — more YD boys should look into the proposition — it's good.

— Bill Salladin.

MERIDEN

Commander: George Semran
376 Reservoir Ave., Meriden, Conn.
Secretary: Howard R. Matteson
256 Spring St., Meriden, Conn.

On Sunday, Nov. 4, 1945 our meeting was held at the Legion Home on Colony street. Not many comrades showed up. What's the matter comrades. Your commander would like to see you once a month. Let's see if we can't make the next one a good one.

How about some of you buddies going to see one of our buddies, Elmer Fox, who is recuperating at his home in South Meriden. He enjoys company.

Nov. 11 was the State Meeting in Bristol. Everybody reports a good time and plenty of good things to eat.

Don't forget the next State Meeting is in Torrington, Conn., Dec. 9, 1945.

Mayor Danaher presented to Mrs. John R. Fugel the Connecticut Medal for Civilian Distinguished Service awarded to her husband, Captain Fugel, D.S.C., a veteran of the first World War, who died during the past year. In making the award to Mrs. Fugel, the Mayor said, "No man in Meriden was better known or beloved than Captain Fugel." A hero of the first World War, he took part in every Meriden civic effort until the day he died. He was not only a great soldier, he was a great citizen. Captain Fugel was with Co. I.

On Sept. 20 at Tinian in the Marshall Islands, Willis Parkin and his crew were awarded the Naval Flying Distinguished Cross with two gold stars.

Willis sent a telegram to his family that he and his girl friend were married Nov. 17th at the Hamilton Baptist Church, San Francisco, Calif. By the way, Willis' wife was Miss Bertha R. Burr, a Wave.

— Howard R. Matteson.

NEW BRITAIN

Commander: Tony Pechout
99 Glen St., New Britain, Conn.

Secretary: Eric S. Olsen
21 Walnut St., New Britain, Conn.

We kind of slipped up last month and we have no excuses — at least we can't use them.

We organized a shooting (with guns) team, and challenged Co. L, State Guard of N.B. and after practicing for a few weeks we had our match (that goes two ways) and we were beaten by a few points so we are still pretty good after nearly 30 years Our team was captained by "Dead Shot" Salander and was composed of "Diamond Dick" Pechout, Sgt. Grabeck and three other crack shots—"I said shots"—Olsen, Malley and Glossup. Bob Fleishauer, a YD son, beat us all.

Capt. Samson and Lieut. Beach, captained their team and after the match a swell spread was taken care of by their mess sergeant and they sure are a swell gang of guys.

Sunday, the 11th, we are going to Bristol for the State Meeting and they have promised all a great time. They may even outdo us.

Two issues ago, there was a slight error, concerning a guy called "Bob". The reading was (he didn't mean to) it should have been, he didn't have to.

Flash! Now the Marines in N.B. have challenged us to a shooting match. Oh, well, that is what you expect when you get famous.

— Eric S. Olsen.

DEPARTMENT OF THE UNITED STATES

Commander: Fred D. Brown, 607 Fifth Ave., New York, N. Y.
Secretary: Andrew M. Lemon, 75 Pine St., Garden City, L. I., N. Y.

DENVER

"Rocky Mountain Chapter"

Commander: Arthur G. Vetter
Wellington Hotel, Denver 3, Colo.

Secretary: Albert W. Rockwell
1414 Marion St., Denver, Colo.

Looks as if the gang will have to find a new meeting place. The Jewel has installed a bar and the little back room where we met for a number of years, has been made into a cocktail lounge. Vetter was instructed to try and find a new place to meet.

Those present were Dr. Morris, a guest of his, Dr. Noffoinger, Loeb, Major Preston, Capt. Cournoyer, Rockwell and Vetter. "Rocky" was seen in the Armistice Day parade. The Doctor tells us that the reason that he did not parade is because he was too busy cutting up meat for the feed which took place afterwards.

Major Preston's son has been discharged — he had served with the 5th Armored Division.

Mrs. Pedicino sent the group a card of thanks and appreciation for the flowers sent at the time of the passing of her husband, Pat. It was voted to change the time of meeting to the Second Monday of the month.

— Vetter.

NEW YORK

Commander: William H. Cowie
43-17 149th St., Flushing, Long Island, N. Y.

Secretary: Ralph F. Nevin
Room 1350, 230 Park Ave., New York 17, N. Y.

The regular monthly meeting of New York Chapter was held at the usual meeting place, the Lexington Hotel, on Thursday, November 8th, and we were glad to note among the thirty present several old timers we haven't seen in many months as well as some new members from World War II.

Lt. Col. "Doc" Surls made the long trip from Phoenixville, Penna., and our new member, Kenneth Gates, just out of Headquarters Company, 101st Infantry, came all the way from Middletown, N. Y. to be present, and furthermore went to the trouble of digging up a pal, Paul Morehouse, in Flushing, Long Island, only to learn that his buddy is already a member of Lynn Chapter and contemplates transfer to New York.

We were pleased to see our new member Walter Lambert, formerly of the 101st Field Sig. Bn. who, while on a visit to Boston, learned from Guy Watts that there was a chapter in New York. He and Ed Nolan had quite a reunion.

Comrade Ed Nelson is still nursing a broken bone in his foot and was unable to be present.

The Secretary received a note from Comrade Lt. Commander J. Armand Beaudry who has been detailed as Port Director at Okinawa and who wishes to be remembered to all the YD gang and says he always enjoys "YANKEE DOINGS". It must be tough to be ordered out to Okinawa now that most everybody is looking forward to coming home. Here's hoping you will be back with us soon, Commander.

After the usual routine business Comrade Robert J. Daley was elected to serve the unexpired term of the late Comrade Arthur Ronne on the Board of Trustees.

Chairman Bob Dickson had as our guest speaker the Quartermaster of the Second Service Command, Colonel Mark V. Brunson, who gave a talk on his recent experiences in North Africa, Palestine, Persia, Italy, France and Germany in keeping the trucks rolling with supplies to our troops in these areas. The Colonel is apparently one of those fellows who can get difficult things done instantly but the impossible takes just a little longer.

The meeting wound up in the good old YD custom of reminiscing and shooting the bull about World War I. The main meeting adjourned at 11:30, but bull-sessions continued along the sidewalk on Lexington Avenue until well after midnight.

As a big of YD interest, one of New York Chapter's members, Colonel Egbert White, who served recently in Europe as Director of Publication of the newspaper "Yank", addressed the Annual Armistice Day joint meeting of Ad Men's Post 209, American Legion and Advertising Club of New York. The Colonel's address was broadcast over the air.

— Ralph F. Nevin, Secretary.

OHIO

Commander: Edward Dulude
1191 Parkwood Drive, Cleveland, Ohio
Secretary: William P. O'Connor
15606 Delrey Ave., Cleveland, Ohio

Hoist the pennant, unfurl the top's'les, heave the mains'l's and let that husky infant, the Ladies' Auxiliary with all sails aflying, head into the wind and tear ahead on its way to a second year of success, that will surpass its first one.

On Sunday, Nov. 4th our Auxiliary celebrated its first birthday and HOW they celebrated. A truly delicious home cooked dinner and cooked as only the girls in the Auxiliary know how, was served to the chapter, the Auxiliary and to many friends and invited guests, totaling about 110.

The dinner (now start drooling, those of you who missed), consisted of baked ham, fried chicken, scalloped potatoes, Boston and I do mean Boston baked beans, yams, several different salads (if you didn't like one, you had a choice) Parker house rolls, coffee and other liquids.

Mrs. Margaret Huebler, Auxiliary President, was in rare form as Mistress of Ceremonies and my congrats Margaret, you sure did a bang-up job.

For the benefit of the absentees, I will try to describe the birthday cake. It was about 30 inches in diameter and about six inches tall, covered with white icing and within the white icing, was interwoven the National Colors with margins and whirligigs of Red, White and Blue. The cutting of the cake was most ably done by our President and each piece was wrapped and delivered by the President's two daughters, to everyone attending.

The distinguished guests included our Honorary Member, Judge Lew Drucker, who has just been re-elected to office; Mrs. Addie Willard, past president of Ladies' Auxiliary, V.F.W. and her husband Art, past Dept. Commander of the V.F.W., who has just returned from 22 months overseas. Art is an overseas veteran of both wars; Mr. and Mrs. John Halligan, past commander and past president, respectively, 7th Dist., V.F.W.

Sgt. Fred Sheffield formerly of "F" Co., 104th Inf., now of the regular army really gave us the low down on many a happening "over there", particularly the Battle of the Bulge. He informed us that the newspapers at no time were permitted to give the real facts and once again the boys in the mud paid the price for the mistakes of the "brass hats". For a guy who is now in the "regulars" he certainly was in there pitching on Sunday night and he did not care who was listening.

A short but snappy regular meeting was held and to all readers of YANKEE DOINGS here in Ohio, the following motion was passed: "The chapter at all future meetings will hold a membership attendance drawing." The prize to consist of a YD Shirt and Tie, although you can only win once, you have to be present to win that once. Remember, you have to be present.

To all who were unfortunate to have missed the birthday party, the party proves that the first Sunday night of the month is rapidly becoming YD family night. Our own private club rooms are rapidly becoming well appointed and more comfortable as time goes on. We expect to have a piano by next meeting and we certainly can make the first Sunday night of the month a most enjoyable one as well as transacting the business of the chapter and auxiliary.

— W. P. O'Connor.

PHILADELPHIA

Commander: Phillip S. Maloney
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Secretary: Louis Wintner
911 W. Roosevelt Blvd., Phila. 40, Pa.

This has been sort of a dull month for our chapter. The last meeting was the most poorly attended, but for the few that did show up it was an enjoyable evening (me accepted). P.N.C. Forsyth and wife were out to Chicago to spend a few days with their son "Bill", who is attending the Naval Radar School. Too bad Bill that you could not meet up with our very good friend Henry Ritchotte of the Chicago Chapter. You guys and gals here in Philly when you want a good place to eat, get in touch with Mary Taylor or Dan Atkinson.

We are sorry to say that Al Robert's father is very ill and hope by the time this issue is out he will be on the road to recovery.

It looks like Kit Maloney is taking to our parties like a duck to water. She makes a good Mrs. Commander.

WASHINGTON, D. C.

Commander: James W. Boyer, Jr.
1613 Harvard St., N. W.
Secretary: Arthur L. Robitaille
2224 Chester St., S. E.

The Washington Club at its Nov. 7th meeting was afforded the pleasure of an account of the exploits of the YD of World War II by its chief of staff, Col. Bernice McFadyen who is now stationed in Washington. The Colonel traced the history of the division from Camp Edwards to its training in the south, direct to landing at Cherbourg, France, assistance to Patton when his tanks went dry, and of joining the 3rd Army at Patton's request. Then the interrupted Christmas party for support in the "Bulge", and the mad romp until V-E Day. What an army! What a division! Those boys had before them the accomplishments of YD of World War I and added still more glory to its name in this one.

After listening to the Colonel's account for nearly two hours, everybody who had a question let it go and a very thorough answer was given to each.

Sorry the Colonel didn't get the boys home in his narrative, but he did settle once and for all any doubts in our minds about admittance of the YDers of World War II into our membership, as he told us that from reading YANKEE DOINGS and articles in "YD Grapevine" the boys took it for granted that they are already "in". So, before adjourning, a motion was made and passed that: "The chapter rescind all previous action taken in regard to the admittance of members of the YD of World War II, and to welcome them to our membership."

We held services, as usual, on Armistice Day at General Edward's grave with Chaplain Ray Queenin officiating.

The Dec. 5th meeting will go to a new location at American Legion Dugout, Cheverly, Md.

— Arthur Robitaille.

101ST INFANTRY ITEMS

Here and there with the 101st: Walter Nealon (Co. L) member of the Malden Fire Dept., fractured his leg while fighting a fire at a parochial school on Armistice night. He is at the Malden Hospital . . . George Babcock (Co. L) is a lieutenant of the Melrose Fire Dept. . . . Jimmy Birmingham (Co. I) brother of Tommie (Co. A) passed away on Nov. 16 at the West Roxbury Hospital, following a lingering illness . . . Pres. Bucky Coffey's schedule for Armistice Day had him stepping right along . . . Attended General Paul's luncheon at the Statler; State Guard dinner at the 101st Armory; YD Club's reception to General Paul; State Dinner to General Eisenhower; Harvard Club and several veterans' organizations, etc. . . . Pete McDonald (Co. H) while doing some work at his house, met with an accident and was rushed to the Boston City Hospital, where they sewed him up to the tune of 20 stitches. He is resting comfortably at this writing at the West Roxbury Hospital . . . Sorry to hear of the death of James H. Fannon (Co. L) of Natick. No details.

Not to be outdone by the Dartmouth Alumni at General Paul's luncheon at the Statler, our own Albert F. Sears (Co. H) organized a cheering section of the 101st and they really gave a good account of themselves—Wa Hoo! . . . Mike Griffin (Co. K) was among those from New York who attended our recent convention . . . On Sunday, Nov. 11, 1945, good old H Co. sponsored a regimental Council Meeting at the YD Club of Boston. A very interesting meeting which was followed by an Armistice Party . . . Tim Bowes, recently elected president of Co. H and Sec. Tony Drago did a good job that day entertaining the council . . . Andy Hanney (Co. H) made a special trip from Dumont, N. J., to be at the meeting . . . John Doyle (Co. E) hospital chairman, who has been doing a grand job visiting comrades on the sick list, is making plans to cover every comrade in the hospitals for the holidays . . . At our first meeting, 131 members paid their dues. Good start.

Past President Al Sears has been appointed by President Coffey to be the General Chairman of the membership drive which will start after Jan. 1, 1946 . . . John J. O'Connell (Co. E) is the commander of the Canton Post, A. L. . . . Joe Jesseau (Co. E) donated a wheel chair to the West Roxbury Hospital with the banners of old Co. E attached . . . Utie Madden (M. G.) after 23 years of faithful service with the Brookline Fire Alarm, has decided to quit (knowing that the job would not be steady when he started) and retire on his income, which I understand goes into the seven figures . . . Deputy Chief Ernest F. Pearson (Co. E) recently retired from the Medford Fire Dept., is now with the Fire Protection at Castle Island . . . Report of our annual service to be held Nov. 25, will be told in our next issue.

— Jim Powers.

ENGINEER ENTRIES

102 MEMBERS

Our score is now 102. The two new recruits this month are Dick Johnson and Hubert Frary. Dick is still teaching school in Braintree, Mass. and looks forward to the day when he can retire to the Cape to fish all summer and hunt all winter. Reports he ran into Ralph Eaton when down in Maine last summer. Ralph helped him kill a quart of Bacardi and for two hours they lived World War I all over again.

Frary now lives in Wilton, Me., and owns and manages the Frary Wood Turning Company. Reports business good but labor scarce. He has four daughters and three grandchildren.

Word comes from Wilmington, Del. that Charlie Gant has been appointed manager of the Hercules Power Company plant in Parlin, New Jersey. We all wish Charlie the best of luck.

Spent a very pleasant evening recently with George Pontasse at his home in Wayland. George has been under the weather for some time but keeps in good spirits and retains his sense of humor. Please drop him a line.

Jim Connors has for many years been chairman of the Board of Assessors in Medford. He discovered recently an old statute that allowed him to have his name put on the ballot and let the good people of Medford decide if they wanted him to have the job for life. He had to get 2000 signatures to put his name on the ballot and he secured over 5800. On election day better than three out of four voted for him. The results are a great tribute to the intelligence of the voters of Medford and even a greater tribute to Jim whose honesty and record of fair dealings as a public servant are so well known. As far as I can learn, Jim is the first person in Massachusetts to be elected under the law he took advantage of.

Watched the Armistice Day parade in Boston. Pete Chamberlain looked very much of a soldier as a captain leading his company from Weymouth. Joe Ciccolo wearing the bars of a First Lieutenant, graced the staff of Colonel Breen.

Speaking of soldiers, ran into Victor Whyte with seven service stripes and nine hash marks and a breast ful of ribbons. He is a sight to behold. Just back from two years in the South Pacific and will retire after 30 years' service next year. When he is on leave in Boston and I have an evening off we find ourselves tripping the light fantastic to the strains of Joe Mack's Old Timers.

Yours Truly was re-elected to the Board of Trustees of Vermont Academy, Saxton's River, Vermont at the annual meeting on October 27th. — Red.

"E CO. ECHOES"

Wedding bells have rung for our old comrade Jack Currier at last — June 1st of this year was the happy date. Congratulations and best wishes, Jack. Jack reports that Gordon Joyce has retired from the Boston Police Department. Jack also ran across Cunningham who was suffering from an injured finger at the time.

Mail was returned from the following: Herman Binggeli, Emery J. Bonville, John A. Buzzell, William H. Dodge, Marshall F. Dowse, Cesare Gallo, Carl

Hyberts, Danny Lamont, Harry Nichols, George Schlotterer. Can any of you help us get them back on our mailing list? We regret that Frederick B. Paley's envelope, addressed to Iowa Soldier's Home, Marshalltown, Iowa, was returned marked "Deceased."

At the October 24th First Corps Cadets 101st Engineers Veterans Association reunion at the armory the following were present: Charlie Dodge, Herby Thurston, Sam Weiner, Jim Metcalf, Freddie Martin, Leo Christie, Bob Day, Charlie Hurter, Laurence Hansen, Ralph Eastman. Bob Day was the greatest stranger, with Leo Christie next.. Leo had come up from Baltimore to greet his fine looking son who came into Boston on the "Wasp" after three years of service. Leo brought him to the party and we were all delighted to have him with us. Leo's daughter, by the way, is head of civilian personnel of the Third Service Command. (Aside to Sam Weiner: Someone told us that Hicks of your town was the caterer that night — not Seiler, as I had thought.)

Those who remember George Branscomb of "F" Co. will be interested to know that he's out of the hospital after a three-week stay, out in Phoenix, Arizona. His address there is 2712 North Dayton St., in case anyone wants to drop him a line.

Russ Francis had to miss the reunion because his wife was in the hospital. Sorry, Russ. Hope her health is improving. Thanks, "Thirsty," for your postal card passing on that item. Charlie Hurter, we're glad, very glad to say has resumed his role of chief reporter for "Echoes" and we pass on his contribution as follows:

"Dutch" Greim did not get to the "E & F" party as he expected his daughter (who is in the service) home that night. We will excuse him.

Saw Charlie Dodge on the street around Labor Day. He did not feel so hot as he was on the way to the dentist to have a tooth out. Guess he pulled through all right as he was at the 204th Reunion of the First Corps of Cadets on October 24th.

Harry Sprowl is alive and kicking as I see him in Thompson's Spa once in awhile.

Saw Jake Stahl watching the American Legion parade at the time of the Massachusetts Convention. He had young Jake with him.

Ran into Chet Thomas in Warmuth's Restaurant, Boston, about the latter part of September. He was looking just as fat as ever. He is back home from the west for good, and says, 'they can give that country back to the Indians.'

Do you realize, lads, that another anniversary of our Armistice Day was celebrated? Just think of it! Twenty-seven years have passed since that day which meant so much to us. It hardly seems possible. The next few years will undoubtedly speed up the rate at which our ranks will be depleted, so it behooves us to take advantage as much as we can of the opportunities to meet with each other and exchange memories and experiences. After all, it was a swell bunch of men we had the good fortune to serve with in our war and I'm sure you all agree that when you do make an effort to get to any of the reunions you always enjoy them.

We'll include here heartiest wishes to you all for a Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year. — Ralph M. Eastman, Secretary.

★★★ TAPS ★★★

Lawrence B. Page formerly captain of Battery 'B', D and Hdqrs., 102nd Field Artillery, died Nov. 18, 1945 at the Marine Hospital, Brighton, Mass., after a short illness. Burial was from the Eastman Chapel, Boston and interment was at Forest Hills Cemetery.

Frank Whitworth formerly of Battery 'E', 102nd F.A., died May 25, 1945. He was a member of the Worcester Chapter, YDVA.

Sympathy is extended to William Holloway, B Co., 101st Engineers on the loss of his wife recently.

Irving a Rich formerly of Company 'A', 101st Engineers, died Friday, Oct. 26 at the Symmes Arlington Hospital. He was proprietor of the Mohawk Spa, Lexington, Mass. Funeral services at the First Baptist Church, Lexington. Burial was in Westview Cemetery, Lexington.

Carroll L. Silloway formerly of Company 'C', 103rd Infantry, died in September, 1944, according to a report just received. His home was at Morrisville, Vt.

Roy Preble former 1st Sgt. of the Machine Gun Company, 103rd Infantry, was shot and killed in an accident while deer hunting at Argyle, Me., on Oct. 15, 1945. Burial was at Stillwater, Me.

James Bermingham formerly of Co. 'I', 101st Infantry, died suddenly at his home in Roxbury, Mass., Friday, Nov. 16, 1945. Burial was from his former home and interment at St. Joseph's Cemetery, West Roxbury, Mass.

Col. Edwin T. May of the 383rd Regiment of the 96th Army Division, was killed June 5 as he watched his regiment from the command post near Iwa village. Colonel May, a native of Cleveland, joined the Massachusetts National Guard in World War I and served overseas for two years with K Co., 104th Infantry.

Fay W. Foss formerly of Headquarters Co., 102nd Field Artillery died at the John Adams Hospital, Chelsea, Mass., Sept. 29, 1945. He was a member of the Boston Chapter of the YD Veterans Association and the Oliver Ames Post of the American Legion. The Oliver Ames Post had charge of the funeral which was held at the Waterman Funeral Parlors and the interment was at Mt. Hope Cemetery in the veterans lot. Fay has been Director of the Graves Registration Committee of the City of Boston for several years and has been a faithful worker in everything he did. He will be sorely missed.

Peter B. Gaudett formerly of Co. 'C', 101st Inf., World War I, died at Boston City Hosp., on Sunday, Dec. 2, 1945. Funeral was from Waterman's funeral parlor with the 101st Inf. Vets. Ass'n. assisting with the services. Interment was at Mt. Hope Cemetery, Forest Hills, Mass.

Letter to the Editor

We are batting right along here. Came up from Linz, Austria on Oct. 23rd, by vehicle, getting to Reims on the night of the 24th and coming out here to Camp Pittsburgh on the morning of the 25th. The Division started by train in relays and all arrived here by the 10th of November. We were working long hours with the straggled division pay day, the payment to the men of the 850 French francs ($17.15), a gift of the French government, then the conversion of the men's money from Austrian schillings to French francs and still trying to figure the rolls for this month's pay day. It sure has been a struggle.

Knew both O'Brien and Thatcher well. Danny was Assistant Adjutant General and did a swell job. Thatcher was with the artillery as you mentioned—263rd, I believe.

I received the membership card through the sister O.K. and many thanks. We lost Eddie Logan and Dick Quigley, both majors, back in July, on the point system, but since both had less than the required 100 for a field grade officer they took quite a bouncing around. They came here to see us from another camp and are now back in the YD fold. We were happy to get them back and they were happy to be back, so everyone is happy. It is a shame that more of the old crowd who went through combat could not have returned with us. As things are turning out most of them are not getting home too much in advance of us and they would much rather have returned with the division, but at that time no one seemed to know a thing for sure or could tell them anything.

Am having a roster of the officers' home addresses prepared for you and believe G-1 has a list of the men's home addresses for mailing purposes. Will send it to you when it is ready. Our retained payrolls go to the Central Retained Accounts Office after a month, as do the cards on officers transferred out, and while these will be officers who were with the division, some only a short while, it will not include our old Massachusetts gang. It's the best I can do.

We are due to leave here the 4th of December for Marseille, sailing so they tell us Dec. 9th and 10th. We were speeded up, due to the extra boats. Hope to see you in the states before too long. Again thanks for your letters and the membership card. If I settle in Massachusetts I'll join some local chapter rather than national. — J. E. Colbert.

"In God's Good Care"

In September of this year I twice visited the ground sacred to America and to Americans that overlooks the beautiful, and now peaceful, valley of the Marne. I would pass on to the veterans of World War I who so gallantly fought over that costly ground, especially our own Yankee Division, but particularly to the mothers and fathers of those who sleep there in God's good care—that the Chateau Thierry and Belleau Woods shrines are intact and beautifully kept.

The hallowed graves of the 4200 buried in the Belleau Cemetery are reverently cared for, even to periodically washing down each marble cross.

Many of the white marble crosses bear only the four words, "Known but to God," but no soldier can walk among those crosses today without feeling the vivid, living presence of these honored dead who offered up their lives in the freeman's fight for life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

The 3d Division's monument in the town of Chateau Thierry at the bridge over the Marne has been destroyed. An old jeweler nearby, who lost his shop there in World War I, said the Germans went out of their way to deliberately demolish this memorial.

— Guy S. Langstroth, Needham.

Guests at Head Table at Annual Armistice Party

Seated, left to right: Mrs. John Meffen, Comrade Luther D. Hackett, chairman of Armistice Party Committee; Mrs. Daniel B. Brunton, Albert B. Vincent, president of the Springfield Board of Aldermen and representing Mayor J. Albin Anderson, Jr.; Dennis J. Brunton, National Commander Yankee Division Veterans' Association; Mrs. Roswell F. Patch, Mayor-elect Daniel B. Brunton. Standing, left to right: Walter F. Gilligan, Sr. Vice Commander of Springfield Chapter; Mrs. Dennis J. Brunton, Roswell F. Patch, National Sergeant-at-Arms, Yankee Division Veterans' Association; Comrade Francis Seyssel, master of ceremonies; Mrs. Luther D. Hackett, John Meffen, Commander of Springfield Chapter; Mrs. Walter F. Gilligan, President of Springfield YD Auxiliary.

Springfield Chapter Has Armistice Party

Springfield Chapter held its Annual Armistice Party at the Springfield Turn Verein Club, on Saturday evening, Nov. 10, with over 200 in attendance. This was the largest Armistice Party ever held by the Chapter, and to say that it was a success is putting it mildly. This year's Armistice Party was certainly a gala affair, and Chairman Luther D. Hackett, and his committee certainly deserve a whole lot of credit for putting on such a swell party. Incidentally Comrade Hackett is a YD veteran of World War II. Others members of the committee serving with Comrade Hackett were Comrades Thomas Dee, Robert L. Beach, William H. McCarron, Arthur Mills, Benjamin E. Johnson, Francis Seyssel, and Roswell F. Patch.

— Roswell F. Patch.

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Carl H. (Sticky) Prescott (Rutland Chapter) 103rd M.G. Bn., appointed Chief of Police of Bellows Falls, Vt., as of Oct. 1.

SIGN UP THE NEW YD AS MEMBERS

For the benefit of membership committees, the following outfits are or were a part of the new division:

51st Inf. Brig., 52nd Inf. Brig., 101st Inf., 104th Inf., 181st Inf., 182nd Inf., 328th Inf.

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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

IN

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Name of Chapter

Or

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(Date) (Date)

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Were you wounded? ..... If "yes", when .....

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